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The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, Committee on
Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with Section 1308 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 (Public Law 106-398), as amended by Sections 1307 and 1309 of the NDAA for FY 2002 (Public Law 107-107), the Department of Defense forwards the enclosed report on activities and assistance under Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Programs.

The legislation directs a single report, which provides:

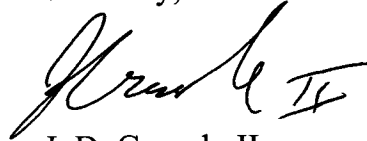
- An estimate of the total amount to be expended by the U.S. to achieve CTR program objectives and a five-year plan;
- A description of CTR activities carried out during FY 2002;
- A description of the audits, examinations, and other efforts conducted by the U.S. during FY 2002;
- A description of Russia's tactical nuclear weapons arsenal; and
- A description of Russia's and the international community's financial commitment to the chemical weapons destruction facility at Shchuch'ye, Russia.

For the most part, this report substantiates that the assistance provided to the recipient states of the former Soviet Union under the CTR Program was accounted for and judged to be used efficiently and effectively for the intended purpose. The few exceptions noted are being pursued to resolution, and the Department continues to be confident that CTR assistance is serving its intended purpose as an important dimension of our national security policy. The classified annex relating to Russia's tactical nuclear weapons arsenal, required by Section 1308 (c)(5) and Section 1308 (i), will be provided under separate cover.



In addition to sending a similar letter to Chairman Warner, letters are being sent to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House and the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Committees on Appropriations, Foreign Relations, and International Relations, and the Subcommittees on Defense of the Senate and House Appropriations Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. D. Crouch, II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Crouch" being the most prominent part.

J. D. Crouch, II

Enclosure: As stated

cc:

The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member